Leadership news from the Leaders Institute

After two years as CEO, Sarah Cutbush will step down on 18 December 2026 to pursue other opportunities. Following a considered process, the Board is pleased to announce that Jo Carrick has been appointed Chief Executive Officer from 18 December.

Jo is well known and respected across our alumni and wider community, and trusted by our team. Over nearly two decades, she has worked across leadership development, education and business development, partnering with government, local government, not-for-profit, health, defence and industry organisations. Throughout her career, she has managed more than 1,000 tailored learning programs, supporting more than 15,000 participants.

Since joining the Institute in 2022, Jo has played a key role in strengthening our strategic partnerships, philanthropy, alumni engagement and tailored leadership programs. Her deep understanding of the Institute, strong relationships across our network and passion for our purpose position her well to lead our next phase.

On behalf of the Board, I thank Sarah for her outstanding leadership. During her tenure, Sarah has strengthened the Institute's foundations and guided it through a period of significant change. Her dedication, vision and commitment to leadership development have left a lasting mark on the Institute and the communities we serve.

Sarah and Jo are working closely together on the handover through November and December. Work is well advanced on our 2027 program, with more to share soon.

We remain resolute in our commitment to serving South Australia as the Institute of Impact.

Julianne Parkinson
Chairperson (on behalf of the Board)
Leaders Institute of South Australia